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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

25th & E STREETS, N.W.
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

1 October 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Colonel Gamble

SUBJECT: Strategic Services Operations (SSO)

Without relating the past history of this activity, Sgt. Simon now reports that all personnel have been transferred out to other activities or severed, except himself, and he in turn expects to be released from the Army this week. It would therefore appear reasonable that this supervisory agency be eliminated, particularly if any administrative liquidation branch is formed.

In talking with the Sergeant, he apparently has a complete grasp of the various Operations Units, and his theory parallels that which I have suggested to you that with a small staff not exceeding 40 in the U. S.. they could probably take care of the liquidation of all of the various activities which originally were under SSO, with a total as of the 21st of September in excess of 500 people. In addition, the saving in space and rentals would be appreciable.

Special Projects at the present time has 251 people, has operations both in Florida and Newark, N. J.. which seem to be outmoded in peace-time.

SO is carrying 91 people in order to service 600 overseas who in turn will be returned definitely to the PPB Pool.

MO is carrying 113 in the U. S., many of these with USBS, and is another branch which should be contracted to a very few administrative people.

Field Experimental Unit, Maritime Unit and Operational Groups are in a like category, but with fewer personnel. As soon as some overall decision can be made by the General, it should be a comparatively simple matter to close out all of these branches.

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TO: Major Tharp

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The attached figures were furnished to me by Sgt. Simon, who was acting Executive Officer for Colonel Bigelow before I left.

Recommend that these figures be kept in our file and we refer to same in order to expedite liquidation.

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Boats on the way to be liquidated in California, material in Washington

MU (to be liquidated)

In charge of liquidation proceedings: Lt. John Moran (attached to
Special Projects)

Personnel on duty in Far East and on their way back: 150

Material to be liquidated: One sleeping beauty (in Rhode Island)
boats to be disposed in F.E. Theater

LIQUIDATION MATERIAL, OSS

Special Projects (to be liquidated)

Acting Chief Lt. George Larison

Personnel on duty as of September 1, 1945:

Army Officers:	52
- Enl. Men	217
Navy Officers	33
- Enl. Men	38
	<u>340</u>
Civilians	7

Bases to be liquidated in St. Petersburg, Florida
Newark, N.J.

FEU (to be liquidated)

Chief Colonel Carl Eifler
C.O. Major Floyd Frazee

Personnel on duty as of September 1, 1945

Military and Naval	31
Civilians (Vouch.)	6
Civilians (Unvouch.)	0
Mail Bags	6
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SO

Chief Lt. William Duggan
Adm. Off. Major Vernon Brugger

Chief Europe Capt. J. Harrison Barrow
Chief FE Capt. R. C. Corcoran

MO

Chief Lt.Col. Herbert S. Little
Exec. Officer Captain Harold H. Bennett
Adm. Officer Mr. Roger Simpson